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Madrid, April 14.

ON the 4th Inſtant arrived a Courier, who was diſpatched from Rome by Cardinal Acquaviva the 18th of March, with an Account, that the Pope had that Day granted an Addition of 500000 Ducats to the Subſidy of a Million and Half which he had before conſented to let his Catholick Majeſty collect of the Clergy in the Indies, towards the Charge of the War againſt the Infidels. On the 6th arrived another Expreſs with the News of the Pope's Death; upon which the King commanded Cardinal Borgia to haſten to Barcelona to imbark there for Italy on a Ship which is getting ready to ſail for Portolongone, in order to aſſiſt at Rome in the Conclave for electing a new Pope: Like Orders have been diſpatched to Cardinal Belluga, who went lately to his Biſhoprick of Murcia: And a Sum of Money is directed to be iſſued to both theſe Cardinals on this Occaſion. The Abbot Portocarrero is to accompany them.

Turin, April 19. *N. S.* On the 14th Inſtant the Marqueſs of Villa-clara, who has been ſome Time here, as Deputy from the Inhabitants of the Iſland of Sardinia, to pay their Obedience to the King, had his publick Audience of his Majeſty, being accompanied by ſeveral of the Nobility, with a very ſplendid Equipage, and a numerous Train of Servants: The next Day he had his Audience of Leave, and will ſhortly ſet out on his Return to Sardinia.

Paris, April 30. The Dutcheſs Dowager of Orleans is gone from hence to reſide at St. Cloud during the Summer Seaſon; but comes once a Week to Town, according to her Cuſtom, to ſee the King and the Duke Regent. On the 19th Inſtant, the Turkiſh Ambaſſadour made a Viſit to the Marſhal de Villeroy, who received him with great Marks of Diſtinction; and while they were together the King entred, without giving any Notice of his coming, to avoid all Ceremony: The Ambaſſadour at his Return to his Hôtel, was entertained with a Concert of Muſick by the King's Order: He is conſtantly attended by two of the King's Coaches with ſix Horſes each, and a Guard of an Officer, and ſix Horſemen of the Marechauſſé. The yearly Penſion of 20000 Crowns allowed to the late M. de Chamillart, is now given one Half to his Widow, and the reſt to ſome of his Relations. The Council of the Regency have had ſome Time under Conſideration the Reduction of the Forces: Which Affair is not yet ſettled, the Council being ſaid to be much divided, as to the Number of Men to be broke of each Troop and Company, and likewiſe as to the continuing or taking off the Penny which was added to each Soldiers daily Pay in the Beginning of the Regency, and was deducted out of the Officers Allowances. This Matter will however ſoon be regulated, the Inſpectors of the Army having been directed to review the Troops the firſt of June, in order to put in Execution the Reform which will be ſignified to them before that Time. The Deputies of the Province of Artois had an Audience of the King the 27th, being introduced by the Duke d'Elbeuf Governor of that Province, and by M. de la Vrilliere Secretary of State, and conducted by M. de Granges Maſter of the Ceremonies. The Duke of Bourbon not having entirely recovered his Strength ſince his late Indiſpoſition, the King has diſpenſed with his going to Dijon to preſide at the Aſſembly of the States of Burgundy, and has given him Leave to ſend thither the Count de Tavannes to repreſent his Highneſs, who ſtill deſigns to follow him in a Fortnights time, if his Health will permit. An Arrêt was publiſhed Yeſterday to ſtop Payment of all the Arrears of the Annuities at the Town-Houſe, until the Contracts for ſuch Annuities ſhall be verified by the Commiſſioners appointed for examining all the Paper-Effects. M. d'Argenſon Keeper of the Seals, is dangerouſly ill. The Marqueſs de

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